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# KOOTENAY LAUNCH CLUB

## BY LAWS

### ARTICLE I.

#### Name.

This organization shall be known as Kootenay Launch Club.

### ARTICLE II.

#### Object.

To promote the study of seamanship and navigation, to develop a knowledge of and interest in motor boating, and to cultivate a social intercourse among its members.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Membership.

Members of this Club shall consist of active members only.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### Officers.

Sec. 1. The officers shall be: Hon. Commodore, Commodore, Captain, Mate (who shall be secretary-treasurer).

Sec. 2. There shall be three directors.

Sec. 3. The Officers and three Directors shall constitute Board of Governors, of which four shall form a quorum.

### ARTICLE V.

#### Standing Committees.

The Board of Governors shall have power to appoint such standing committees as they may deem necessary from time to time, and define their duties.

### ARTICLE VI.

#### Election of Officers and Directors.

Sec. 1. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Monday in March for the election and installation of Officers and Directors, and ten members shall constitute a quorum.

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Sec. 2. Vacancies in any of the offices or the Board of Governors shall be filled by the Board of Governors until the next annual election.

Sec. 3. The election of Officers and Directors shall be by personal ballot, and the majority of votes cast shall constitute an election.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular meeting of the Club, as provided for in the By-Laws, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing and read at a previous regular meeting.

Notice of such proposed amendment must be sent by the secretary to all members at least two days previous to the next regular meeting.

## RULES

### ARTICLE I.

#### Duties of Officers and Governors.

Sec. 1. Commodore.--It shall be the duty of the Commodore to take command of the squadron when under orders for specific formation; to preside at all meetings of the Club and Board of Governors. He shall enforce all rules and regulations, and shall call a special meeting of the Club at his pleasure, or whenever requested in writing by ten members, and also when requested to do so in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws in specific cases. He shall appoint such committees as may be considered necessary, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the Club.

Sec. 2. Captain.--It shall be the duty of the Captain to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence or in case of vacancy in office of Commodore to act as such. He shall be in full and undisputed control of all

race events. He shall refer any disputed action, claim or protest to the race committee for final decision.

Sec. 3. *Mate.*—It shall be the duty of the Mate to keep a correct roll of members and addresses; to collect and receive all money due to the Club and to deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board of Governors. To keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed in a book provided for that purpose; to furnish a full and detailed report of all receipts and disbursements, and all financial data of the Club at each regular meeting of the Board of Governors, or when requested to do so by the Commodore. To pay out money only on vouchers signed by him and the Commodore.

Sec. 4. The Board of Governors shall have full charge of the general business management of the Club. They may make or authorize all necessary contracts. They shall have power to make such regulations and rules for the government of the Club as they may deem expedient, and generally do all things which may be necessary for the proper management of its affairs. Any rule or regulation established by them may be rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the Club for that purpose. They shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their Board or upon Committees appointed by them or elected by the Club, or in any office, also to accept resignations of members of their Board, or of such committees or of officers. They shall audit all accounts of treasurer, house, regatta or other committees. They shall endorse all appointments of the chairmen of committees and fill vacancies in such committees. Board meetings shall be held upon call of the Commodore or upon written request of five members of the Club, or three members of the Board of Governors. The Board may choose a temporary chairman to preside at any of its meetings when the proper presiding officer is absent.

Sec. 5. *Application for Membership.*—Application for active membership shall be made in

writing to the Secretary of the Club, and shall be endorsed by two members in good standing.

**Sec. 6. Election of Members.**—The election of members shall be by ballot of the Board of Governors at any meeting at which there shall be a quorum. Two negative ballots shall reject such applicant. No rejected applicant shall be proposed again within three months thereafter. Applications may be withdrawn on demand of any endorser previous to the meeting of the Board of Governors.

## ARTICLE II.

### Dues and Assessments.

**Sec. 1.** The entrance fee for active members shall be ten dollars (\$10) upon election.

**Sec. 2.** The annual dues for active members shall be five dollars (\$5) payable in advance.

**Sec. 3.** All dues shall be payable on or before the day of the annual meeting each year, and no member who is in arrears for dues shall be allowed to vote at the annual meeting for election of officers.

## ARTICLE III.

### Resignations and Suspensions.

**Sec. 1. Resignations.**—Resignations shall be sent to the Secretary and acted upon by the Board of Governors. Resignation shall only be accepted when all indebtedness to the Club is paid.

**Sec. 2.**—The rights and interest of any member in the property and privileges of the Club shall cease with the termination of his membership.

**Sec. 3. Suspension.**—Any member of the Club may present to the Board of Governors written charges against any other member for conduct unbecoming to a gentleman, or likely to endanger the good order or welfare of the Club; for insubordination or disobedience of orders of officers when in squadron, or for violation of the requirements of the By-Laws or House Rules. After he shall have been notified in writing and given an opportunity to be heard in answer to such charges



the Board of Governors may suspend such a member from all rights and privileges of membership, or may declare his membership forfeited by two-thirds vote. No accused officer or member shall be allowed to preside or vote in such proceedings.

**Sec. 4. Appeal.**—A suspended member shall have the right within one month thereafter to appeal to the Club at a special meeting called for such purpose over the written signatures of one-quarter of all active members, and the Club, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may reverse the action of the Board and restore the appellant to membership; but before such reversal he shall not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership.

**Sec. 5. Delinquent Membership.**—If dues and other indebtedness are not paid by any member within thirty days after the same shall be due, such member shall be deemed delinquent, and may be deprived of all Club privileges, and the treasurer shall notify such delinquent, and cause such member to be posted.

If such indebtedness remains unpaid for sixty days after becoming due, the Board of Governors may drop such delinquent member from the Club.

#### ARTICLE IV.

**Sec. 1. Club Burgee.** The Club flag shall be a pointed burgee, the width to be two-thirds the length, the field to be white and scarlet, the white to be an equilateral triangle, each side of which shall measure the same as flag-luff, and one side of triangle to be the flag-luff. Balance of field scarlet.

**Sec. 2. Commodore.**—The Commodore's flag shall be a white burgee with swallow tails, bearing cross of scarlet.

**Sec. 3. Captain.** The Captain's flag shall be a scarlet burgee with swallow tails, bearing cross of white.

**Sec. 4. Flags.**—Section 73 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," prescribes as follows: The Red Ensign (that is, red flag with a Union Jack

in the top corner) is the proper national colors for all ships and boats belonging to any British subject (unless under special warrant to the contrary from His Majesty or the Admiralty) and if any other distinctive national colors except such red ensign, or the Union Jack with a white border are worn without warrant, the master of the boat (and owner, if on board at the time) shall for each offence incur a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds (\$2,500), and any commissioned officer or officer of customs in His Majesty's dominions may board any boat on which such colors are hoisted, and seize and take away the colors which shall be forfeited to His Majesty.

The correct flags to be flown by members of the Club are the British Ensign at the Stern Flagstaff and the Club Burgee at the Bowstaff. Private signal, if displayed, should be flown at Bowstaff under Club Burgee.

A general rule for measurement of flags is as follows: Owners private signal or racing flags half an inch in length, Club Burgees three-quarters of an inch in length, Ensign one inch in length, for every foot in length of launch; but in some cases the Ensign may be longer. The hoist of the flags in each case to be two-thirds of the length.

## ARTICLE V.

### Uniform and Caps.

Sec. 1. Caps.—The Club Cap shall be either navy blue cloth or white serge or duck with band of black mohair braid, chin strap of black braid and a visor of black patent leather.

Sec. 2. Cap Ornament.—The Club Cap Ornament shall be two crossed anchors in gilt surmounted by a three-blade propeller in gilt, and crossed by the Club Flag showing colors.

Sec. 3. For Commodore.—The regular Club Cap Ornament substituting the Commodore's flag and staff for Club Flag, enamelled to show color, the chin straps to be of gold braid and gold buttons.

Sec. 4. For Captain.—Same as Commodore but substituting Captain's Flag for Commodore's and chin strap to be of silver braid and buttons.

# NAVIGATION RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL LAUNCHES BELONGING  
TO THE KOOTENAY LAUNCH CLUB, AT ALL TIMES

## RULE OF THE ROAD

**NOTE.**—The following steering regulations only apply  
when meeting another vessel in such a way as  
to involve RISK OF COLLISION.

1. When any two vessels are meeting end on or nearly so (involving risk of collision), each boat shall alter its course by turning to the starboard or right so that the boats shall pass on the port (or left hand) side of each other.
2. When the courses of two boats are crossing one another, the boat which has the other on her starboard (right hand side) shall keep out of the way of the other, the other boat keeping her Course and Speed.
3. A steam or motor boat must always keep out of the way of a sailing boat.
4. Every boat directed to keep out of the way of the other shall, if possible, avoid crossing ahead of the other.
5. In narrow channels every steam or motor boat shall, when safe and practicable, keep on that side of the fairway or channel which is on her starboard (right hand) side.

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## NOTES ON LIGHTS

TO BE CARRIED ON SMALL LAUNCHES

**DEFINITION.**—A boat is "under way" within the meaning of these rules when she is not at anchor or made fast to the shore or aground.

1. Lights are to be exhibited by boats under way in ALL WEATHERS from sunset to sunrise, and during that time no other light which can be mistaken for the prescribed light, shall be exhibited.



2. Small steam and motor boats, under 40 tons, shall carry either green and red side lights of such a character as to be visible at a distance of at least one mile; or a combined lantern showing a green light and a red light from a point right ahead to two points ( $23^{\circ}$ ) abaft the beam, on their respective sides (green on the starboard or right, and red on the port or left) and shall also carry a white light not less than three feet above such combined lantern or side lights.

3. Rowing boats, whether under oars or sail, shall have ready at hand a lantern showing a white light, which shall be temporarily exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

4. A boat on being overtaken by another shall show to such other boat a white light from her stern, which light shall be as nearly as possible on a level with her side lights.

5. A boat not under way shall carry a white light forward at such place where it can best be seen.

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## SOUND SIGNALS

1. Boats of less than 20 tons need not have a whistle or siren, but if they do not they must have some efficient sound signal, for instance an air trumpet, such as is used in motor cars or a gong.

2. One short blast means "I am directing my course to starboard." Two short blasts means "I am directing my course to port." Three short blasts means "My engines are going full speed astern," and is usually interpreted on Kootenay Lake as a request for the other boat to come alongside.

